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Obama orders US intelligence to probe Syria attack

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama has ordered US spy agencies to urgently probe claims that Syrian forces launched a horrific chemical attack on civilians, including children, aides said yesterday.

Officials said they could not yet be sure the deadly arms had killed as many as 1,300 people outside Damascus, even though US ally France said it was likely they were used.

The Obama administration is facing rising political pres-

sure for a tough response to the attack, which could have again infringed US "red lines" against chemical weapons use by President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

State Department spokesman Jen Psaki said that Obama had asked intelligence agencies to urgently evaluate claims by Syrian rebels about the attack.

"Right now, we are unable to conclusively determine CW (chemical weapons) use," Psaki said.

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Aruba's Hospital excels with innovative Knee Prostheses



Dr. Patrick Haime

The Aruba Dr. Horacio E Oduber Hospital and Dr. Patrick Haime, Orthopedic Surgeon at the Aruba Orthoclinic, recently made it possible for a patient from Sint Maarten who was having much trouble with a previous prosthesis, to receive a new revised prosthesis, the renowned Vanguard Total Knee SSK (Super Stabilized Knee).

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A collaboration memorandum was signed between Uruguay Post and Post Aruba



On the 22nd of May last, the postal authorities of Uruguay and Aruba signed a collaboration memorandum in which Uruguay Post and Post Aruba will exchange technical information in the field of postal services.

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Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess.

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The ceremony took place in the town hall in Uruguay, in the presence of the Uruguayan Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining, Prof. Edgardo Ortúñu, members of the Board of Directors of Uruguay Post, the Director of Aruba Post, Mr. Guillermo Raymond, the Manager Marketing & International Relations of Post Aruba, Mr. Jaime Laclé, the Secretary General of Uruguay Post and the Vice President of the Uruguayan Agency of Foreign Relations, Mr. Felipe Ortiz de Taranco.

The memorandum specifies that Uruguay Post and Post Aruba will commit to strengthen their economic and cultural relations, and support the development and consolidation of the collaboration between the two.

As such they will exchange information about matters related to the economic and technical operations of the postal services through the exchange of missions, training, technical-scientific exchange, etc.

Juarez, directing himself to the Director of Post Aruba, added that the integration process, which was defined as institutional politics of the Board, will contribute to the knowledge that will benefit us.

He also explained that the members of the Board of Directors of Uruguay Post decided to transfer their knowledge to Post Aruba. He added that the information resulting from experience will also reinforce their own company because based thereon and taking into account that the postal services are moving in a changing and developing world they can modify or develop new practices that suit the region.

The President of Uruguay Post told the Aruban delegation that they are very happy



with the agreement and that Post Aruba can count on Uruguay Post to assist them in the technical field and that the achievements on the short, medium and long term will be shared among the two administrations. He finalized by saying that "this is the beginning of a long process of exchanging knowledge."

The director of Post Aruba, Mr. Guillermo Raymond thanked the President for his words, adding that the signing of the memorandum is "a big achievement for the government of Aruba and for our postal company." He further expressed that postal companies around the world are experiencing similar global changes and in order to face these we need to enter into collaboration agreements.

He also mentioned that in the coming months a delegation of the Aruban government will visit Uruguay to witness the progress of the Uruguay Post.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining of Uruguay, Prof. Edgardo Ortúñu, stated that his presence confirmed the promise of the Uruguay government to strengthen the integration bonds with other countries in the region.

The minister added that they have a new legal framework for the postal sector that Aruba can refer to, which allows them to update and project their Postal Administration towards present and future challenges.

Ortúñu mentioned that the Uruguay Post besides complying with the fundamental function of keeping the community communicating, also incorporates, in cooperation with Uruguayan agencies that work in the field of developing new technology and information technology, new communication methods such as the electronic signature in order to offer the community a modern and high-quality postal service, which knowledge they will exchange and share with Post Aruba and other countries in the region.

The process of the approach of the two postal services was initiated in December of 2011 when Mr. Jaime R. Laclé visited the Uruguay Post in order to get to know their work and experience. During that visit, and with the goal of the Uruguay Post to give the necessary information to Post Aruba, they organized activities to show Mr. Laclé the work of their company.

British Consulate Visits Aruba



Recently, the Department of External Relations received the visit of British authorities.

Their visit was in the context of a regular call on island officials to be made aware of security matters related to British citizens residing or in prisons in the Caribbean. The visit also entailed information relative to potential natural disasters and/or times of crisis both on Aruba and elsewhere in the Caribbean.

British dignitaries, Georgina Matheson, Regional Consulate Operations Manager, Western Europe Network Consulate stationed in Amsterdam and Anne-Marie Pietersz Powell, Consulate Officer of the British Consulate in Curacao, met with Aruba Department of External Relations Rendolf

(Andy) Lee, and executive Eleisah Williams.

Mrs. Georgina Matheson and Anne-Marie Pietersz Powell also held conversations with other local authorities, such as KIA, APA, S.E.L. Maduro & Sons Aruba, KPA, General Air Services and the Hurricane Disaster Bureau.

As a result of their meeting with our local Disaster Bureau, Mrs. Pietersz returned to Aruba to participate in the crisis management training session organized by Maduro & Sons, and the Disaster Bureau at the Aruba Ports Authority.

Accompanying photo shows the British dignitaries, Anne-Marie Pietersz Powell and Georgina Matheson together with Rendolf Lee, Evelyn Penja and Eleisah Williams.

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IBISA presents the first "Now We Move" awards



Minister Visser, Cherryldine Muller and Monique van Embden are honored by organizers



Now We Move Awards



IBISA Director Monique van Embden



Private companies

On Thursday evening, August 22, the Instituto Biba Saludabel y Activo (Institute of Health and Activity) IBISA, conducted a gala event to celebrate a island nation on the move. IBISA is a consolidation of government agencies under the Ministry of Health and Sports, which opened its doors in June of 2012. It integrates the former Instituto di Deporte, Educacion Fisico y Recreacion, IDEFRE, the Institute of Sports, Education and Recreation, but coordinates their efforts with aspects of nutrition and preventative monitoring of contributing factors to chronic illnesses. This well-rounded approach to fitness and health includes a "Health Bus" that performs basic diagnostic testing for free.

IBISA is a central element to the overall Health Plan first proposed by Aruba's Minister of Health and Sports, Richard Visser, while running for office in 2009. His plan has been implemented in several ways since he took office that year.

The ultimate goal of this plan is to integrate all the factors that will encourage a healthier nation, thus a reduction in chronic illnesses due to obesity, and less dependence on a stressed medical system. The culmination of these efforts were realized in the first "Now We Move" Awards event at the Westin Resort. Inspired by the NowWeMove network of Europe, the focus is establishing a healthy lifestyle to curb the steady increase of heart disease and Type II Dia-

betes, directly linked to a sedentary lifestyle.

For some years previously, the government has had an annual sports award event, distributing trophies and titles to various outstanding young athletes, who have competed and won on Aruba's behalf in international arenas. This year, IBISA chose to honor not only ten outstanding athletes, but also the governmental organizations, NGO's, and private enterprise, which have dedicated their time and energy to

conducting events that involve and engage the entire population, while encouraging them to exercise and be fit.

"It has been scientifically proven that inactivity and/or a sedentary lifestyle is more damaging to our health and affects our quality of life and productivity more than certain other behavior," stated IBISA Director Monique van Embden. "Although an increase in people who exercise is noticeable, the majority of our population still does not move

sufficiently. It will require different sectors and stakeholders to work together to influence the behavior of our population and together create healthier communities and employees. The "Now We Move" Award is intended to give recognition to organizations that have shown great initiative in organizing physical activity and sports events during 2012 and to inspire and mobilize other organizations to do so in the future."

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Sports Leagues honored



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Though the percentage of the participating Aruban population that IBISA would consider complete success has yet to be reached, Minister Visser and IBISA officials do report a substantial increase in participation, by nearly 50% of those who used to attend such events. Public run/walks, with prizes, or for fundraising, are conducted every weekend or more. Recreational sporting events and competitions have now filled to the limits, and the number of events on the annual calendar have increased phenomenally. The Now We Move Awards recognized the several organizations that played an essential role in helping this to come about.

Several fundraising walks and events to stimulate exercise among the elderly, physically and visually impaired earned honors for the foundations involved. These included FAVI for the visually impaired, the Wilhelmina Cancer Funds, Mary Joan Breast Cancer Support Foundation, Save our Donkeys, FADA, Fundacion Anti Drogen Aruba, Mi Por, Fundacion Alzheimer's, Fundacion Autismo, Fundacion Diabetis, Fundacion Hende Muher den Difficuldad, for battered women, Fundacion

Pro Lechi Mama, encouraging breast feeding, Gabriel Flores Foundation and Clown Doctors, as well as service clubs such as Rotary of Aruba. IBISA also recognized the financial sponsorship of CMB Bank, Aruba Bank, RBC Royal (Aruba) Bank as well, in stimulating participation and providing the backing for these events, along with those they have also conducted under their own name.

Government agencies honored included the Police and Fire Departments, Finance Department, Department of Public Health, FCCA, Nos Aruba 2025, Marina Real, SVB and WEB.

Among the private enterprises honored for their continuing support of getting islanders on the move by sponsorship or organization of important events were Alhambra Casino, Metafit from Meta Corp, Aruba Port Authority/Arruacan, Frasa Trading (Yo Plait), General Store Run & Walk, Marriott Aruba Resort & Stellaris Casino, Runners Enterprises NV, Westin Resort, Tri-Bike, and Universal Trophy.

Rosalie Klein

Jacinto "Chinto" Curiel promoted to First Class Inspector



This past week, in the presence of family, friends and colleagues, Jacinto "Chinto" Curiel received the governmental decree announcing his official promotion to First Class Inspector in the Aruba Police Corps. The decree was handed to him by Police Chief, Adolfo "Dolfi" Richardson. Police Chief Richardson and Ranking Inspector Jeannette Richardson-Baars, as head of the E.J. Watty Vos Police Training Institute, changed the symbols on Curiel's shoulder to reflect his new rank.

Curiel is one of the instructors with ample experience and knowledge of the Police School, who was recently appointed coordinator for all basic training taking place at the training institute.

Chinto Curiel entered the Police Corps on November 1st, 1973. At that time Aruba was still part of the Netherlands Antilles and the training program took place in Curacao. He graduated and returned to Aruba to work in the patrol section from 1977 to 1980. Curiel also worked in Bonaire. Back then it was very normal for Police to work on the different islands. When Curiel returned to Aruba he was stationed in the patrol and traffic departments.

From 1988 Curiel has been working as an Instructor at the Police School, where he has dedicated and shared much of his valuable advice for the formation of many police stu-



dents. During his tenure at the Police School Curiel also took special courses at the Teachers College (IPA) to improve his teaching skills even more.

Mr. Curiel has a lot of experience. His advice: treat everyone – without exception – with respect and give them as human beings the value they deserve. According to Mr. Curiel, a Police officer is a servant of the people, which entails exercising your responsibility the very best possible so the people can feel confident that you are doing an excellent job and they in turn can feel safe.

We join his friends and family in congratulating Chinto Curiel on this important and well-deserved promotion.



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Aruba's Hospital excels with innovative Knee Prosthesis replacement

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This is the first time in the Dutch Kingdom that such an operation has taken place. Hence, this is a great accomplishment as this innovative prosthesis hails from the renowned Biomet factory in Holland. This product has just recently been put on the market and Aruba is the first to implement this here--

Dr. Haime, Orthopedic specialist, has much praise for the operation team assisting him during the operation process. According to Haime, these people are dedicated and have various skills that many operation assistants abroad don't have. This team knows their work and their primary goal is to help the patient.

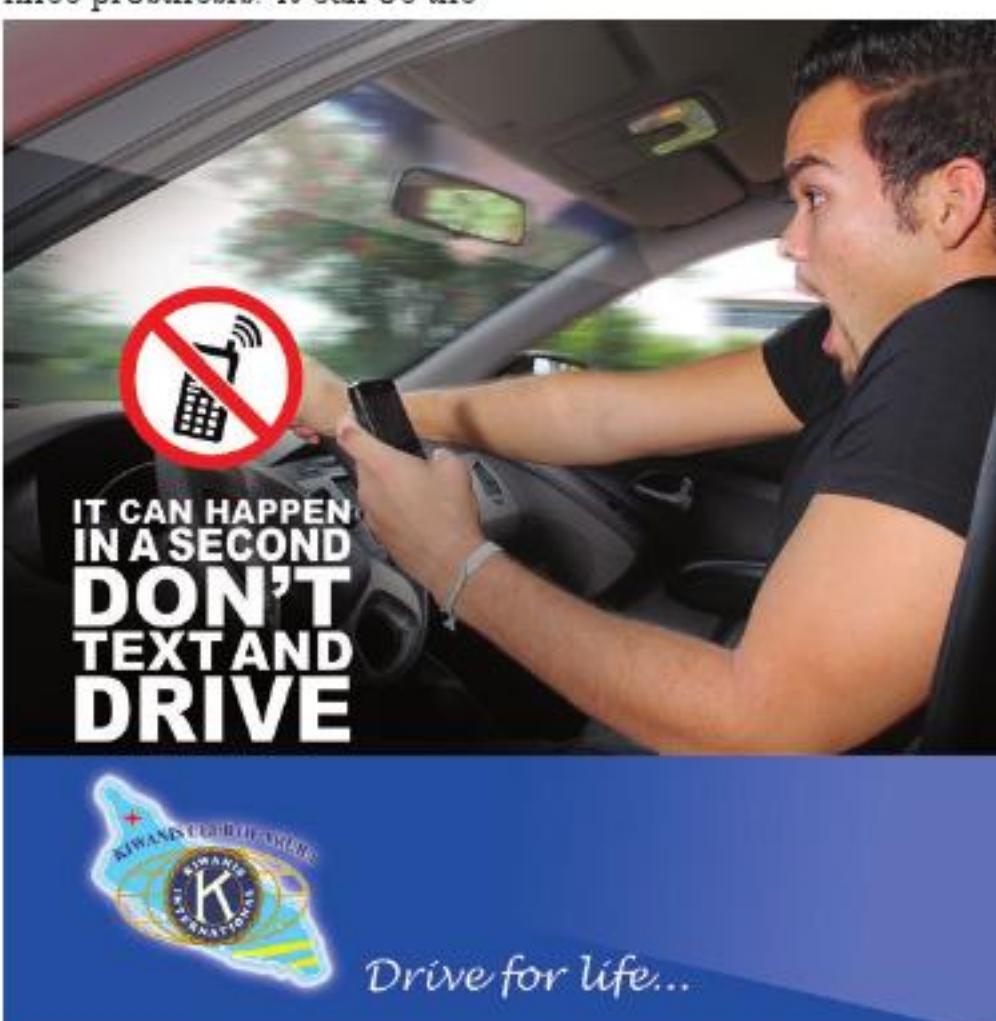
Orthopedic surgery is done in our Hospital in a special operating room using the "down flow" process, which was established more or less four years ago. This process eliminates the possibility for infections.

There are different factors that contribute to replace knee prosthesis. It can be the

weight of the patient, which can exert extra pressure on the prosthesis which can damage it. Another possibility is that the wear and tear of the patient's bones thus the prosthesis doesn't fit well. This will cause that the patient suffers a lot of pain.

Dr. Haime indicated that the Hospital and AZV are co-operating well with the orthopedic specialization in Aruba. Materials, including prosthesis and instruments for orthopedic operations are very expensive. But we are intent on ensuring that practically all surgery and procedures are possible in Aruba. The revision system of Biomet Vanguard SSK 360 makes it possible to anatomically reconstruct more precisely and can be adapted to the patient.

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Mass grave found near Mexico City

TLALMANALCO (AFP) - Mexican authorities are investigating whether human remains found in a park outside the capital belong to 12 young people whose kidnapping in May shocked the city, officials said yesterday.

Mexico City's top prosecutor, Rodolfo Rios, said the remains of seven people have been recovered since the search began Wednesday and that investigators were looking for more bodies in the rough terrain.

The mass grave was discovered in a park in the town of

Tlalmanalco, some 30 kilometers (19 miles) southeast of the capital, and police put up a checkpoint on a dirt road surrounded by corn fields one kilometer from the site.

"For the moment, seven bodies were recovered from the site, and obviously due to the state of decomposition we will have to wait for an autopsy," Rios said.

Rios told Foros Television it would take at least two days to get results from DNA tests to identify the remains. An official from the federal attorney general's office said five of the

remains were mere bones.

The 12 victims were kidnapped from a Mexico City bar in broad daylight last May in a case that raised concerns about security in the capital, which has been relatively immune from the country's drug cartel violence.

Rios has linked the mass kidnapping to a dispute between two gangs known as La Union and Tepis, which sell drugs in the city's rough Tepito neighborhood. But Mexico City authorities insist that the bigger cartels do not operate in the capital.



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UK anti-terror police launch probe into seized Snowden

LONDON (AFP) - British counter-terror police yesterday launched a criminal investigation into documents seized from the Brazilian boyfriend of a journalist working to publish secrets from US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden.

The development came after Britain's High Court ruled that material seized from David Miranda, the boyfriend and assistant of Guardian journalist Glenn Greenwald, can only be partially examined by police.

London's Metropolitan Police said publication of the "highly sensitive" data seized from 28-year-old Miranda during his detention under anti-terror laws at London's Heathrow Airport on Sunday could cause a risk to life.

"Initial examination of ma-

terial seized has identified highly sensitive material, the disclosure of which could put lives at risk," Scotland Yard said in a statement. "As a result the Counter Terrorism Command (SO15) has today begun a criminal investigation."

The Metropolitan Police welcomed the decision, saying they had obtained "thousands of classified intelligence documents" from Miranda's seized equipment, and that examining them would allow them to "protect life and national security".

Miranda's nine-hour detention has outraged campaigners for press freedom who have called for an inquiry into why laws designed to stop terrorists were used to interrogate a journalist's assistant.

Miranda, who had worked

with his American boyfriend on the Snowden material, was stopped as he changed planes on his way home to Rio de Janeiro on Sunday. Officials confiscated his laptop, phone, memory cards and other electronic equipment.

Snowden, a former US intelligence contractor, enraged Washington by leaking information on mass surveillance programmes by the US National Security Agency as well as Britain's electronic eavesdropping agency, GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters).

The Guardian has published a series of reports based on files provided by Snowden, who has been granted temporary asylum in Russia as he bids to escape prosecution in the U.S.

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Obama orders US intelligence to probe Syria attack

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But she said the administration had been focused continually since reports of the attack broke on Wednesday on efforts to "nail down the facts."

Secretary of State John Kerry discussed the episode with key counterparts, including Syria's main opposition leader Ahmad Assi Jarba and French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius.

Kerry also called top officials at the European Union, the United Nations and in Jordan, Qatar and Turkey.

"If these reports are true, it would be an outrageous and flagrant escalation of the use of chemical weapons by the regime," Psaki said.

Obama has a range of options at his disposal and would discuss a response with his top national security aides, Psaki said.

The president has been loath to order US military action to protect civilians in Syria, fearing being drawn into a vicious civil war, just soon after he extricated US troops from Iraq.

But revulsion over video footage and photos of dead children blanketing the US media has reopened the debate about a policy Obama allies see as prudent but critics brand as weak.

Republican Senator John McCain warned Obama had given Assad a "green light" to commit atrocities by failing to use military force to respond to previous chemical attacks.

"When the president of the United States says that if he uses these weapons that it would be a, quote, 'red line and a game-changer,' (Assad) now sees that as a green light," he told CNN.

"The word of the president

Mubarak leaves jail for house arrest

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's toppled dictator Hosni Mubarak was transferred from prison to house arrest at a military hospital yesterday, in a move overshadowed by a blistering crackdown against his Islamist successors.

The former strongman, forced to quit in early 2011, was flown by medical helicopter to a military hospital, where he will remain under house arrest as he stands trial on corruption and murder charges.

of the United States can no longer be taken seriously, as it isn't throughout the entire region."

The White House concluded earlier this year that Syria had crossed Obama's red line against the use of chemical weapons, but opted not to take military action.

Instead, it decided to directly arm selected Syrian rebel groups battling Assad -- but has declined to publicly specify the extent of the support.

McCain said he wants to see more robust action. He said that in a "couple of days" US air power could take out Syrian air force runways and up to 50 aircraft being used to dominate battlefields against rebels.

"We can supply the right kind of weapons to rebels, establish a no-fly zone by moving Patriot missiles up to the border," he said.

"This can be done very easily."

America's top military officer General Martin Dempsey has said however that Washington risks being dragged into an open-ended war in Syria if it chooses a military intervention.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the administration was appalled by the latest reports.

"The images that we have seen are nothing short of horrifying," he said.

He repeated a US call for Syria's government to permit a United Nations team already in the country to probe previous alleged chemical attacks to examine the new claimed outrage.

The Wall Street Journal cited an unnamed official as saying there were "strong indications" that Syrian government forces had carried out a chemical weapons attack.

French President Francois Hollande contributed to rising heat on the White House when he said it was "likely" Assad forces had deployed chemical weapons in the attack on a rebel-held Damascus suburb.

Fabius had earlier said that the world should respond "with force" if it was proven the massacre was perpetrated with chemical agents. But he ruled out the use of ground troops.

Damascus has vehemently denied it unleashed chemical weapons in the attack.

If confirmed, the attack would be the largest scale use of chemical weapons since Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces attacked the Kurdish town of Halabja in 1988.



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International News

Missing Pakistan journalist found dead

KARACHI (AFP) - A body found dumped on the outskirts of Karachi was Thursday identified as that of a journalist who went missing in a restive part of the city five months ago. Two bodies were found Tuesday in the west of the city, Pakistan's sprawling, violent economic heart, and a piece of paper found on one suggested he was missing journalist Haji Abdul Razzaq Baluch. But the body, which bore torture marks, was so disfigured that relatives needed several visits to the mortuary to confirm the identity. Razzaq, an ethnic Baluch, was a sub editor at the daily Tawar (Voice), a Baluchi-language daily, who went missing in March. Family sources said he was abducted in part of Lyari Town, the district of Karachi worst affected by the ethnic and political gang warfare that plagues the city. Human rights groups say hundreds have been detained, killed or gone missing as government forces try to crush the uprising by ethnic Baluch groups.

'Next generation' of Al-Qaeda being born in Egypt: experts

PARIS 3 (AFP) - Egypt's bloody crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood has been a gift to Al-Qaeda that will help it attract fresh followers and open a new front in the Middle East, experts say.

The repression of the Muslim Brotherhood and the ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi could see a new generation of radicals joining the movement founded by Osama bin Laden, they say.

"There are fears that the bloody crushing of peaceful demonstrations will encourage an Islamist minority -- convinced of the futility of the political process -- to turn to violence," said Jean-Pierre Filiu, a Middle East expert at Sciences Po university in Paris.

"The Egyptian military will then have nourished the very terrorism it is claiming to fight."

Egypt, the most populous Arab country, has already proven fertile ground for radicalism.

Al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri is Egyptian, as was Mohammed Atta, the top hijacker in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Egyptian authorities have arrested Zawahiri's brother Mohamed for supporting Morsi, and the Al-Qaeda chief has repeatedly called on supporters to take up arms against the country's army-installed interim government.

"In Zawahiri's view, Egyptians should follow the path of Mohammed Atta and resort to terror against the near enemy, the Egyptian army, and the far enemy, America, which has armed and trained Egypt's military," Bruce Riedel, a former CIA analyst now at the Brookings Institute, wrote recently.

"The future of global jihad is being defined in Egypt this



On July 5 a new group calling itself "Ansar al-Sharia in Egypt" announced its formation, saying "a war against Islam has been declared in Egypt" and calling on supporters "to prepare by obtaining arms and training."

Somalia's Shebab Islamist group has also called on Muslims in Egypt to take up arms.

Experts said the restive Sinai peninsula, where Islamist militants have escalated attacks since Morsi's overthrow on July 3, was the perfect incubator for Al-Qaeda bases.

Bordering Israel and the Gaza Strip, the Sinai has for years been a hotbed of smuggling and militant attacks. This week militants killed 25 policemen, firing rocket-propelled grenades at two buses carrying the police, in the deadliest attack of its kind in years.



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A Sudanese journalist imprisoned for defying the regime of President Omar al-Bashir and speaking out on human rights abuses has been named the recipient of the Peter Mackler Award. Faisal Salih, 52, won the 2013 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous and Ethical Journalism, Global Media Forum and the US branch of Reporters Without Borders announced Thursday. Salih is an experienced journalist and columnist for various Sudanese publications. He is also director of programs at Teeba Press, a non-governmental organization that trains journalists in Sudan. He was formerly the editor in chief of Al-Adwa Daily and a columnist for several other publications. Salih is known for his criticism of Bashir and the regime's human rights abuses. He was imprisoned for several months in 2012 after an Al-Jazeera interview where he spoke out against the alleged rape of youth activist Safia Ishag. The award, the fifth annual prize named for the late Agence France-Presse reporter and editor, will be presented at a ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington on October 24.

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Bat linked to mysterious MERS virus



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A bat has been linked to the mysterious and at times fatal MERS coronavirus plaguing the Middle East, according to a study. Researchers said they detected a 100 percent genetic match in an insect-eating bat close to the home of the first known victim of the disease in Saudi Arabia. Middle East Respiratory Syndrome has killed 47 people worldwide, 39 of them in Saudi Arabia. MERS is considered a cousin of the SARS virus that erupted in Asia in 2003. Like SARS, it is thought to have jumped from animals to humans, and shares the former's flu-like symptoms -- but differs by causing kidney failure. After a series of analyses, a fecal sample taken from an Egyptian Tom Bat collected within several kilometers of the home of the first known MERS victim "contained sequences of a virus identical to those recovered" from that person.



-- Adult film makers in Los Angeles have been asked to stop production this week, after a performer was found to be HIV positive. The Free Speech Coalition, a trade group, called for the shut-down after consulting with medics. Although voluntary, the moratorium on porn film production is likely to be respected, as bigger players in the industry generally work with the coalition. The sex partners of the actress concerned are currently being tested by doctors. Once the risk of transmission has been eliminated, the moratorium will be lifted. An adult industry trade magazine, X-Biz, said the performer is female and new to the industry.

Health & Living

Maldives quashes flogging of teenager for premarital sex

MALE (AFP) - A Maldivian court has overturned a public flogging sentence on a 15-year-old girl, whose conviction for premarital sex sparked international outrage and focused attention on the holiday island's treatment of women.

The girl had been charged after police investigating a complaint that she was raped by her stepfather found that she had also been having consensual sex with another man.

The High Court issued a statement on Wednesday saying that the girl, whose stepfather is on trial for raping her, had been wrongly convicted by a juvenile court of having premarital sex with the other man.

The Maldivian government appealed on behalf of the teenager following an international outcry over the February sentence -- 100 lashes to be inflicted when she reached the age of 18.

Premarital sex is illegal in the Maldives, a popular honeymoon destination in the Indian Ocean, which observes elements of Islamic Sharia law as well as English common law.

The London-based rights group Amnesty International, which campaigned to spare the victim, said she should never have been put on trial in the first place.

The UN as well as international rights groups have repeatedly asked the Maldives to end the "barbaric practice" of flogging women.

Last September a court in the Maldives ordered the public flogging of a 16-year-old who confessed to premarital sex. Her lover was jailed for 10 years.



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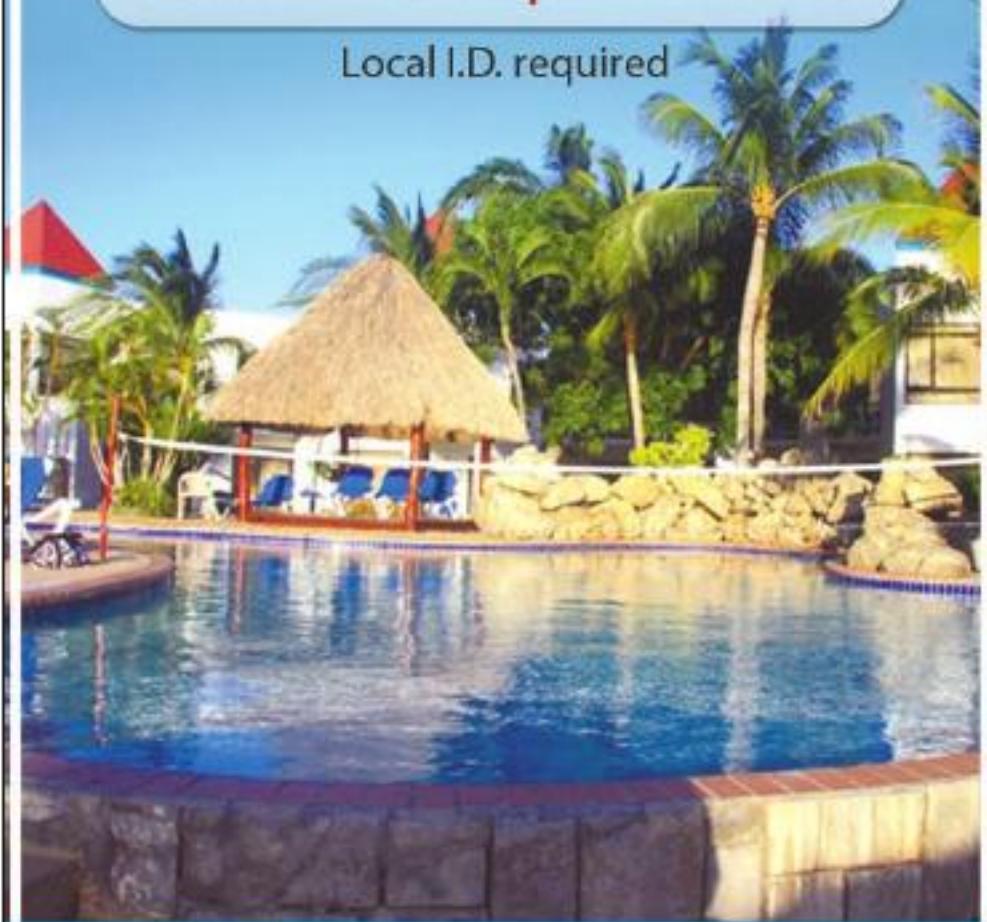
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Tech glitch halts Nasdaq trade for three hours

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A technology glitch on Thursday shut down trade on the Nasdaq for more than three hours, an unprecedented halt on the second-largest US stock exchange.

Full trading resumed around 3:25 pm (1925 GMT).

The tech-rich exchange at around 12:15 pm halted trade in all "Tape C" securities, which includes options and securities due to a problem with its SIP, or securities information processing, system, which interfaces with other exchanges on stock quotes.

The suspension froze values on big technology stocks like Apple, Google and Facebook as well as the value of the Nasdaq Composite index.

The Nasdaq index was up 31.38 (0.87 percent) at 3,631.17 when trading was halted.

Shortly after it resumed, the index was up 34.13 (0.95 percent) at 3,633.92.

The glitch promises to increase scrutiny on Nasdaq, which came under fire following technical difficulties with Facebook's initial public offering in May 2012.

After that debacle, Nasdaq paid the Securities and Exchange Commission a \$10 million penalty, following a series of missteps that included a design glitch in Nasdaq's system to match IPO buy and sell orders.

An SEC spokesman said the US securities regulator was monitoring the situation and was "in close contact with the exchanges." Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew was briefed on the issue, officials said.

The shutdown came on a quiet day for Nasdaq, with no major economic news events or earnings from major Nasdaq companies. But analysts said such a stoppage could cause significant problems on a busier news day.

Philippine ferry disaster death toll rises to 75

MANILA (AFP) - The confirmed death toll from a Philippine ferry disaster rose to 75 on Thursday as divers pulled out more bodies, including those of children, from the sunken wreck, authorities said.

Despite finding only corpses in recent days, navy and coastguard ships and helicopters continued to scour the waters

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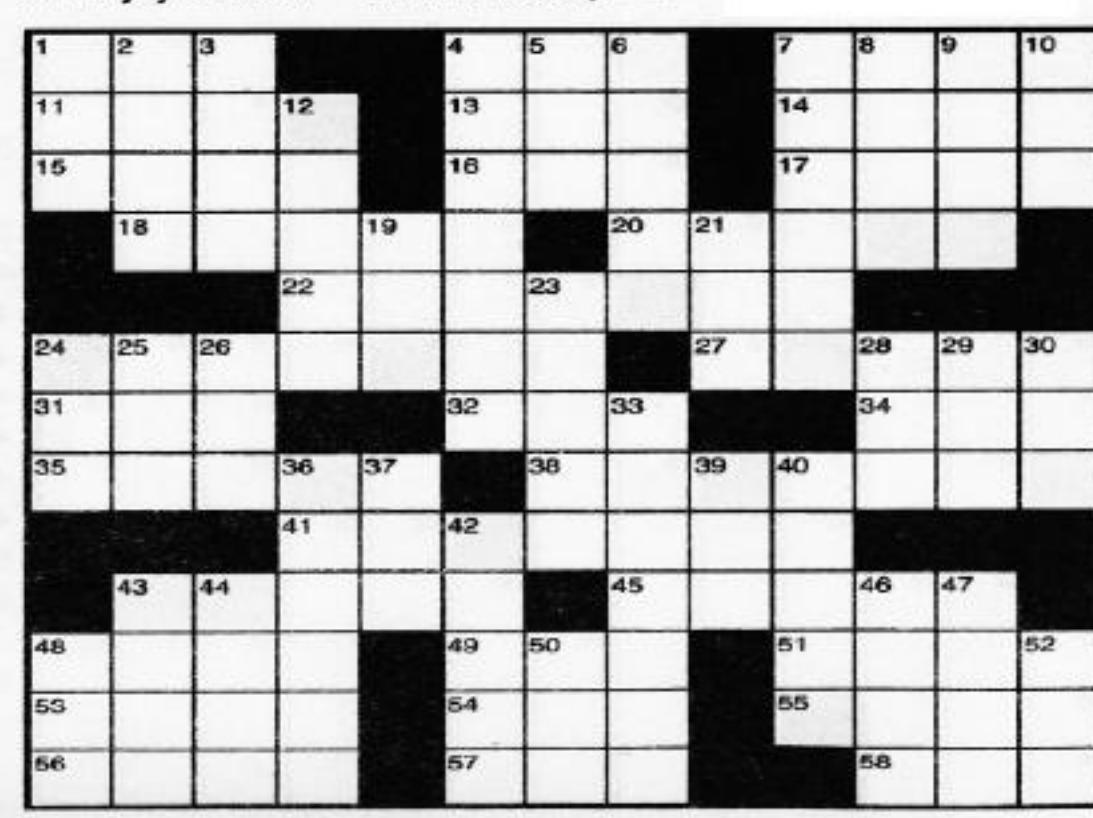
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- "Sweeney ___"
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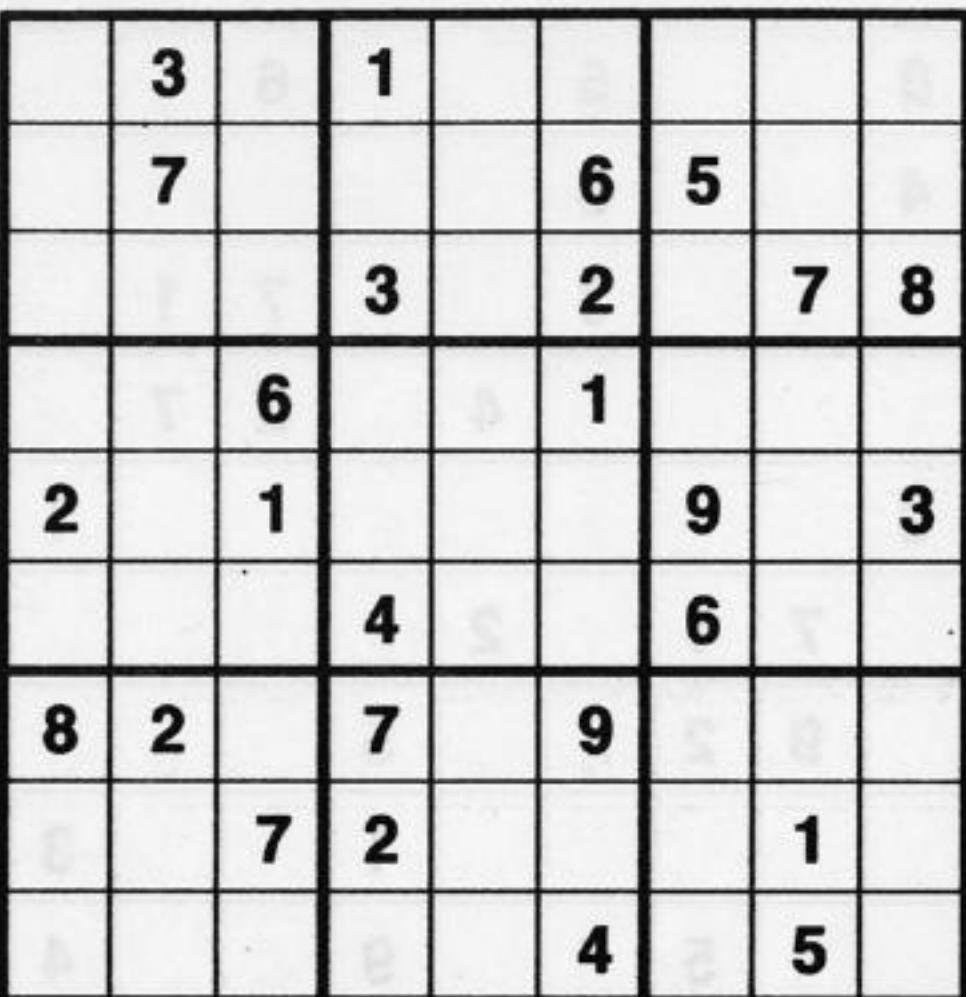
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Aruba Central Bank announces its second survey: “Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa”

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ORANJESTAD -- During the period of August 17 through September 15, 2013 the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) will be conducting the survey “Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa” for the second time. The first survey was conducted in 2010.

With this survey, the CBA intends to produce valuable information on the financial position of households in Aruba, for which currently very little information is available. Information that will be requested regards household income, the borrowing and savings behavior and the ability to pay monthly bills. The collected data will help identify potential problem areas and vulnerable groups within the Aruban community, which will contribute towards a more effective policy formulation and implementation with respect to the financial position of households. Moreover, the information will assist the CBA in analyzing economic development in Aruba.

During this period the CBA will send a group of 20 interviewers to visit 1,400 Aruban households and gather this important data. These visits will most likely take place during evening hours and weekends. The interviewers will carry an identification badge and a notification letter as proof that

they are working on behalf of the CBA. Respondents are free to contact the CBA if they have additional questions.

The CBA realizes that a large part of the information requested is of a very sensitive nature, and therefore, stresses that all received information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and only used in an aggregated form for statistical purposes. Because of the importance of the data, the CBA hopes that Aruban households will fully cooperate with this survey.

For further information, please contact Mr. Giantcarlo Croes, Economist at the Research Department of the CBA and also project leader of this survey, at tel. 5252162 or via e-mail: g.g.croes@cbaruba.org.

Li: Investment in Jamaica vital

Beijing encourages competitive Chinese companies to invest in Jamaica, Premier Li Keqiang said, as he urged the Jamaican government to provide more convenience and protection to Chinese firms in the Caribbean nation.

Li made the remarks when meeting Jamaican Prime Portia Simpson-Miller in Beijing, and said that the two countries' relationship will move at the speed of a "lightning Bolt," referring to Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.

Simpson-Miller, Jamaica's first female prime minister, is on her first official visit to China. During the meeting, Li said Jamaica is one of the most important Chinese partners in the Caribbean, and the two countries can make plans for further cooperation, to promote bilateral trade and enhance cooperation.

FRIDAY'S Crossword Answer



LIBYA, Zawiya: A Libyan oil worker from the Libyan National oil and gas company checks an oil pipelines at the Zawiya oil installation on August 22, 2013 in Zawiya, Libya. Libya's National Oil Company announced a resumption of exports from the Brega terminal in the east, allowing it to partially lift from Thursday a declaration of force majeure. But the Zueitina, Ras Lanuf, Al-Sedra terminals remained blockaded by striking security guards in a dispute over allegations of corruption in oil sales. (AFP PHOTO)



VENEZUELA, Caracas: AFP photo shows a man walking in front of giant posters depicting Venezuelan currency in Caracas on August 22, 2013. Venezuela's GDP grows 1.6% in first half 2013 against 5.6% in the same period 2012 (Central Bank).



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Switzerland	CHF	192.00	192.72	193.52
Netherlands	EUR	235.14	237.29	239.67
Sweden	SEK	26.33	27.05	27.85
Denmark	DKK	30.85	31.57	32.37
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Dutch Rabobank says to shed jobs after profits sag

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch lender Rabobank announced yesterday a 14.0 percent drop in net profit for the first half of 2013, confirming it will cut 8,000 jobs.

While net profit fell 175 million euros to 1.11 billion euros (\$1.46 billion), turnover slumped by 6.0 percent to 6.44 billion euros, the group said in a statement.

"Rabobank can look back at a difficult first half-year in 2013," group chairman Piet Moerland added.

"The Dutch economy remained in recession and the prospects for recovery continue to be poor. The prolonged nature of the economic downturn is particularly taking its toll," he said.

The effects were an increased number of bankruptcies and a rise in unemployment, Moerland said.

"Our customers' financial situation did not improve in general," he added, leading to lower profits.

The lender, based in the central Dutch city of Utrecht, said some 8,000 local jobs out of a total of 28,000 will be scrapped "within the coming years" as it restructures.

The move, called "Vision 2016," will also see around 36 local Rabobank branches close their doors, leading to a cost-saving of one billion euros.

Despite Rabobank's worsening performance it kept its Core Tier 1 ratio, an indication of a bank's capital strength, at 12.9 percent compared to the requirement of around 7.0 percent, the bank said.

The group expected domestic spending to contract further in 2013 mainly as a result of a drop in Dutch disposable income and government budget cuts.

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'Hello, it's the pope': Francis calls student



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - A teenager who wrote to Pope Francis got a shock when the Catholic leader called him up for a chat -- the latest example of the pontiff's down-to-earth approach. Francis called up a journalist friend on the day of his election and even phoned a newspaper stand in Buenos Aires to cancel his subscription. Stefano Cabizza, a 19-year-old student from Padua in northeast Italy, had sent a letter to the pope, the local *Il Gazzettino* daily said on Thursday. But he said he never expected the phone to ring and a voice on the other end to say: "Hello, it's the pope". Cabizza said that the two "laughed and chatted for eight minutes" and that Francis had blessed him. The pope, formerly the archbishop of Buenos Aires, makes many calls directly in a break with protocol under which calls are usually handled by aides or at least through the Vatican switchboard. He recently called an Italian man who was paralysed after a car accident and who recently lost his brother.

Disaster-weary Philippines mops up after deadly floods

MANILA (AFP) - Disaster-weary Philippine residents mopped up Thursday after four days of rains that officials said had killed 18 people and forced more than half a million from flooded homes.

Residents swept out their muddy floors as floods receded, having covered half of Manila's metropolitan area on Tuesday, rescue officials said.

Philippine National Red Cross secretary-general Gwendolyn Pang said floods have receded in all but about 10 percent of the metropolis of 12 million people.

The bad weather killed 18 people, said Reynaldo Balido, spokesman for the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, updating an earlier toll of 16.

More than 214,000 people



were still crammed into government-run shelters late Thursday, while nearly 346,000 others are staying with friends and relatives, he added.

Since Sunday Manila and neighbouring provinces have experienced the most intense rains in four years.

Floodwater swept through low-lying communities, forcing thousands into crowded evacuation centres like gyms, where people were forced to sleep at close quarters on the

floor with cardboard for bedding. The seasonal monsoon had been worsened by Tropical Storm Trami, which went on to hit China on Thursday.

The Philippine islands endure about 20 major storms or typhoons annually, generally in the second half of the year and many of them deadly.

(A girl (L) affected by flooding takes care of her brother (C) inside their temporary shelter at a basketball gym serving as an evacuation center in the town of Calumpit)

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PRABUMULIH (AFP) - The education chief of an Indonesian city sparked outrage Wednesday after proposing that teenage schoolgirls should undergo virginity tests to enter senior high school. Activists accused Muhammad Rasyid of promoting "sexual violence against women" after he suggested the plan following the arrest of six high-school students for alleged prostitution. The tests would affect students seeking to enter senior high school. In Muslim-majority Indonesia, senior high-school students are aged between 16 and 19. The proposal looked unlikely to be adopted, however, as the city's deputy mayor, Ardiansyah Fikri, said that local authorities did not support it. Indonesia, a nation of more than 240 million people, is struggling to balance the country's rapid modernisation with traditional, mainly Muslim values.

5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



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--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and

sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeno peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality, it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facil-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Born September 7, 1968 in Accra (Ghana), Desailly went to France after it was adopted as a child by a French diplomat.



He began his career at FC Nantes in 1992, moved to Olympique de Marseille and won the Champions League the



following year. In 1994, while AC Milan was again won the Champions League against FC Barcelona and its famous "Dream team" composed by players like Romario, Hristo Stoichkov, Michael Laudrup, etc., Being the first player to win in consecutive seasons different clubs. Although he prefers to be defense also played in midfield once.

Desailly then went to English club Chelsea FC, where he played center until the end of the 2003-04 season. After Euro 2004, he retired from in-

ternational football as the all-time leader in games played with France (116). He played in 2005 by Al Gharafa of Qatar and Qatar SC.

Desailly is considered one of the most corpulent players (1.82 metres (5.97 feet)) and impassable in the past two decades, having won virtually all major tournaments.

He has been with the French football team, which played 116 international matches and scored 3 goals.

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Football: Anzhi sell Brazil's Joao Carlos to Spartak

MOSCOW (AFP) - Struggling Anzhi Makhachkala have reached an agreement to sell Brazilian defender Joao Carlos to Moscow rivals Spartak, the seventh key player to quit the team after a drastic change in strategy, the clubs announced Thursday.

The Dagestan side's owner Suleiman Kerimov earlier this month decided to scale down the club's ambitions and dras-

tically shrink its budget in a move that rocked the Russian football world.

As a result of Kerimov's dramatic change in policy at Anzhi, almost all of the star players signed in a bid to make the Dagestan side world beaters are being put on the market.

French former Chelsea, Arsenal and Real Madrid midfielder Lassana Diarra has

joined Lokomotiv Moscow, as has Morocco international Moubarak Boussoufa.

Dinamo Moscow have already signed a trio of Russian internationals from Anzhi -- captain Igor Denisov, former Chelsea midfielder Yury Zhirkov and striker Alexander Kokorin.

Midfielder Oleg Shatov has also joined Zenit St Petersburg.

The next big name to exit Anzhi appears set to be the classy Brazilian international attacking midfielder Willian, who Anzhi only signed at the end of last season.

Willian is poised to sign a deal with English Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur in a transfer worth 30 million sterling (35 million euros/\$47 million), according to British media.



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Tennis: Nadal, Federer in same quarter, Djokovic, Murray on semis path



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Rafael Nadal could face Roger Federer in the US Open quarter-finals while top-ranked Novak Djokovic is set for a potential semi-final clash against defending champion Andy Murray.

Seventh-seed Federer, a 17-time Grand Slam winner whose run of five US Open titles in a row was halted by Juan Martin Del Potro in the 2009 final, was Thursday drawn into the same quarter as second seed Nadal, a 12-time major winner who completed a career Slam with his 2010 US Open title.

The top-ranked potential semi-final rivals for either Spaniard Nadal or Swiss star Federer would be Spanish fourth seed David Ferrer or French eighth seed Richard Gasquet.

In the other half of the draw, Serbia's Djokovic, the reigning Australian Open champion and the 2011 US Open winner, has a tough path to the September 9 men's final that would include a last-eight matchup against Argentina's Del Potro.

Djokovic might then have a semi-final against defending champion and third seed Murray of Britain just to reach the final, with Wimbledon winner Murray's highest-ranked opponent in his quarter being Czech fifth seed Tomas Berdych.

On the women's side, world number one and top seed Serena Williams could face eighth seed Angelique Kerber in the

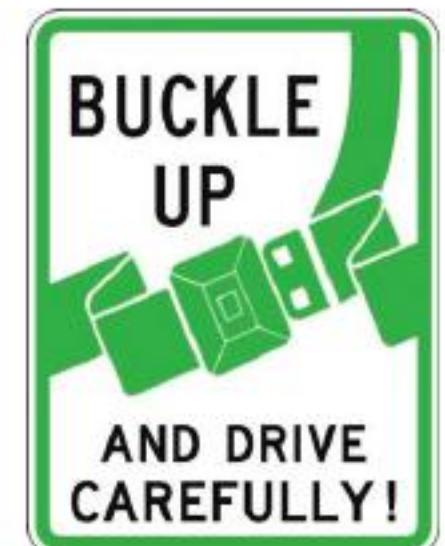
quarter-finals and either Polish third seed Agnieszka Radwanska or Chinese fifth seed Li Na in the semi-finals.

Second seed Victoria Azarenka of Belarus and Czech seventh seed Petra Kvitova were drawn into the same quarter of the field with possible opponents in the semi-finals including Italian fourth seed Sara Errani, a 2012 US Open semi-finalist, and Danish sixth seed Caroline Wozniacki.

Williams, who opens against Italy's former French Open winner Francesca Schiavone, could face US 15th seed Sloane Stephens in the fourth round and might meet sister Venus, a two-time US Open winner, in the quarter-finals.

Stephens defeated Serena Williams in the Australian Open quarter-finals back in January.

Djokovic opens against Lithuania's Ricardas Berankis with a possible second-round match against German Benjamin Becker or Czech Lukas Rosol.





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Boxing: Mendez defense tops promoter Tyson's first card

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Dominican Argenis Mendez defends his International Boxing Federation junior lightweight title against Arash Usmanee today on the first card promoted by Mike Tyson's Iron Mike Productions.

Former heavyweight champion Tyson has been a focus of attention in the build-up to the bouts at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York.

The self-styled Baddest Man on the Planet, once infamous for biting opponent Evander Holyfield's ear, is still happy to stir things up.

"I don't know if it's politically correct or not, but nobody talks about hurting

anybody no more," Tyson said after the fighters engaged in a polite pre-fight press conference on Wednesday.

Today's fights, dubbed "Tyson Is Back", bring Tyson back to the ring eight years after he retired from a fight career that veered from triumph to disgrace and was disrupted by a prison term for rape.

Although Tyson's role has drawn increased attention, Mendez, who brings a record of 21-2 with 11 knockouts, said he is just focused on getting the job done in the ring.

Mendez is defending the title he won in March with a fourth-round knockout of Mexico's Juan Carlos Salgado in Costa Mesa, California.

Usmanee, who boasts a record of 20-1 with 10 knockouts, thought the loss to Barthelemy would end his hopes of a title shot this year.

He said he's ready to make the most of his unexpected chance.

"It's kind of surreal to be here," he said. "I'm not going to let this opportunity pass. I had a great camp. I'm sure he (Mendez) had a great camp. It's going to be a great fight, a good war."

Also on the card, Dominican Claudio Marrero (14-0, 11 knockouts) will take on Jesus Cuellar of Argentina (22-1, 18 knockouts) for the World Boxing Association interim featherweight belt.

Japan's Suzuki reaches 4,000 career hits



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Japan's Ichiro Suzuki wasted no time belting the 4,000th hit of his pro career, achieving the milestone in the first inning of New York's 4-2 win over the Toronto Blue Jays. His baseball-crazy home country, from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to school kids, erupted in joy over the feat with his father Nobuyuki urging him to go for more. Yankees outfielder Suzuki performed the feat Wednesday by slicing one of Toronto pitcher R.A. Dickey's knuckleballs past diving third baseman Brett Lawrie and into left field in his first at-bat of the Major League Baseball contest. The 39-year-old Suzuki, who has played professionally in both Japan and North America, finished the game one-for-four.

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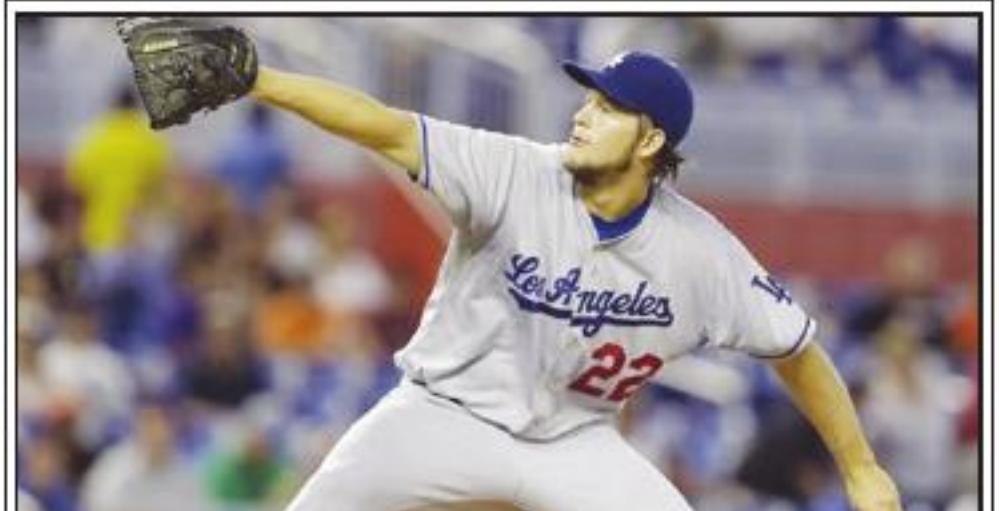
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East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	75	54	.581	—	ATLANTA	77	49	.611	—
TAMPA	72	53	.576	1.0	WASHINGTON	62	64	.492	15.0
BALTIMORE	68	58	.540	5.5	NY METS	58	67	.464	18.5
YANKEES	67	59	.532	6.5	PHILADELPHIA	56	70	.444	21.0
TORONTO	57	70	.449	17.0	MIAMI	48	78	.381	29.0
Central									
DETROIT	74	53	.583	—	PITTSBURGH	74	52	.587	—
CLEVELAND	69	58	.543	5.0	ST. LOUIS	73	53	.579	1.0
KANSAS	64	61	.512	9.0	CINCINNATI	73	55	.570	2.0
MINNESOTA	56	70	.444	17.5	MILWAUKEE	55	72	.433	19.5
CHICAGO	51	74	.408	22.0	CHICAGO	54	72	.429	20.0
West									
TEXAS	74	53	.583	—	WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	71	55	.563	2.5	DODGERS	75	52	.591	—
SEATTLE	59	67	.468	14.5	ARIZONA	65	61	.516	9.5
LA ANGELES	55	71	.437	18.5	COLORADO	59	69	.461	16.5
HOUSTON	41	85	.325	32.5	SAN DIEGO	57	70	.449	18.0
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MIAMI - Clayton Kershaw allowed five hits in eight innings to lower his ERA to 1.72, best in the majors, and the Los Angeles Dodgers won their third game in a row by beating the Miami Marlins 6-0. Kershaw (13-7) struck out six and walked three. Miami's leadoff batter reached in five innings against the left-hander, but the Marlins hit into three double plays and went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position. The Dodgers (75-52) climbed 23 games above .500 for the first time since 2009. They went 5-2 and their two-city trip and have won 22 of their past 25 road games.



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Aaron Hernandez indicted in connection with friend's murder

NEW YORK CITY, (AFP) - Aaron Hernandez was indicted Thursday on a first-degree murder charge in the death of a man whose bloodied body was found less than a mile from the former New England Patriot star's home.

A Massachusetts grand jury returned a six-count indictment against Hernandez, a clerk from the Fall River division of Bristol County Superior Court confirmed.

It also contains weapons counts.

The multi-millionaire sports star pleaded not guilty to murder and weapons charges in June, and has been held without bail at a county jail since then.

Odin Lloyd's body, a semi-professional football player from Boston who was dating the sister of Hernandez's girlfriend was found on June 17 in an industrial park. The 27-year-old semi-professional football player had been shot five times, including once as he lay on the ground, prosecutor William McCauley said in June.

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Island athletes share their thoughts en route to En route to the South American Youth Games 2013



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ORANJESTAD -- The South American sporting calendar has a major continental competition, the Juegos Suramericanos de la Juventud - the South American Youth Games for athletes aged 14 to 17 years. The competition was created during the general assembly of the South American Sports Organization (Odesur), held on May 25 in Santiago, Chile.

The first edition of the compe-

tition is about to take place in Lima, Peru from September 20 to 29, with a have a sports program with 17 disciplines: track and field, badminton, boxing, canoeing, cycling, fencing, gymnastics, judo, wrestling, swimming, weight lifting, rowing, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, triathlon and sailing. Aruba is sending nine athletes who will be competing in various events. They are training very hard to be well prepared for the competitions. In the coming days, the Aruba Olympic Committee will introduce our athletes who will represent our island during this big event.

Our first athlete is petite Judo athlete: Emmazira Kelly

AOC: For how long have you been practicing Judo? Why did you choose this sport?

EK: I have 6 years practicing this sport. In reality I started when I was very small, just as a hobby but now I am training in earnest. It is something in the family, so I also wanted to be a Judo athlete.

AOC: What do you think about when you hear that combat sport is more something for boys and not girls?

EK: That is not true, it helps you with your self defense. It helps you with your character, making it stronger as a female.

AOC: You are preparing yourself for a competition in another country. Can you tell us more about this?

EK: I am training for a competition to be held in Miami. I am training daily, gym in the morning and judo training in the afternoon. I have been preparing myself intensively for 1 year, for this moment. I hope to make Aruba proud. (Emmazira just returned from the U.S. with a number of bronze medals.)

AOC: The expectations for the Youth South American Games are very high. What can we expect from you?

EK: I always dreamt of participating in an Olympic game. The Youth South American Games is the first step in realizing this dream, I really want to excel in Peru.

AOC: Do you have any



Jayda Mejia

message for the Aruban youth?

EK: Believe in yourself. Practice sports, go to school, study and in your free time, do something healthy

Our second candidate is taekwondo athlete: Jayda Mejia

AOC: When did you begin practicing taekwondo?

JM: I started at the age of 7, I have 8 years of practicing this sport and doing well.

AOC: Why, being a girl, did you choose a martial art?

JM: I always liked to watch karate movies. One day I said

to my father that I wanted to try out a martial art sport, so he signed me up for taekwondo.

AOC: How are your preparations for the Youth South American Games going?

JM: We have been training very hard for 6 to 8 months. We train 6, sometimes 7 days a week, even twice a day. Each training session lasts 2 hours

AOC: What are your aspirations regarding this event?

JM: I have already participated in various international tournaments, but never one of such a magnitude. I have won gold medals in international tournaments, among others in Venezuela, Suriname and Puerto Rico. I am doing my utmost to obtain good results in Peru

AOC: What is your strongest and your weakest technique?

JM: My greatest strength is speed, my feet are very fast. And I dedicate a lot of time in my strength

AOC: What is your message for our youth?

JM: If you are already practicing a sport, keep going, it is really fun; and, finish school!